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Snow and sun for the weekend

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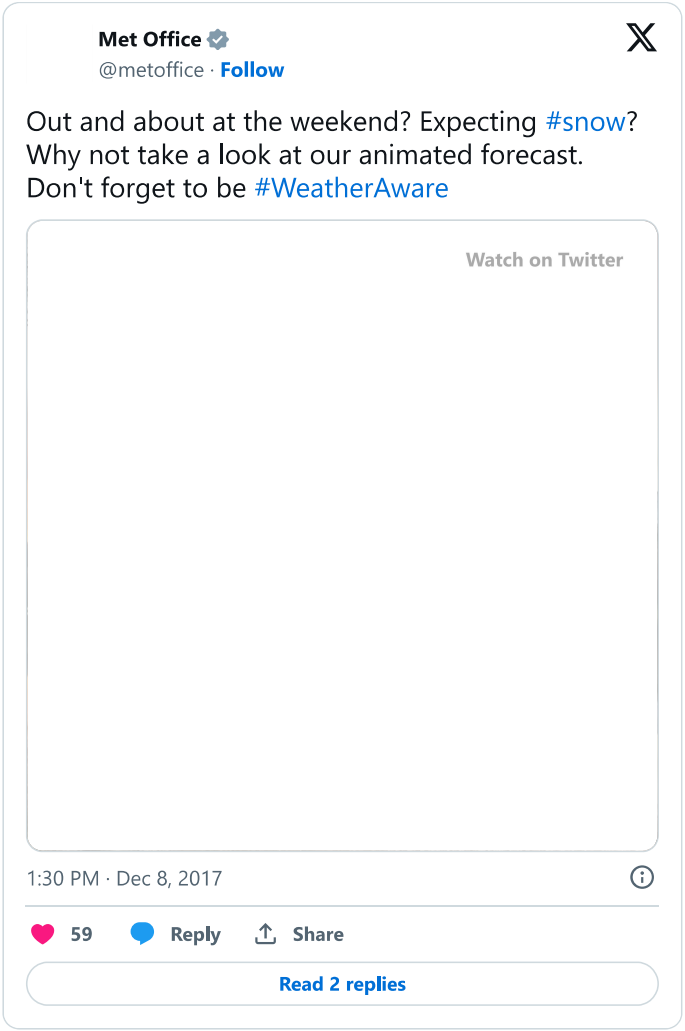
A number of National Severe Weather Warnings have been issued for the coming days, covering snow, ice and wind.

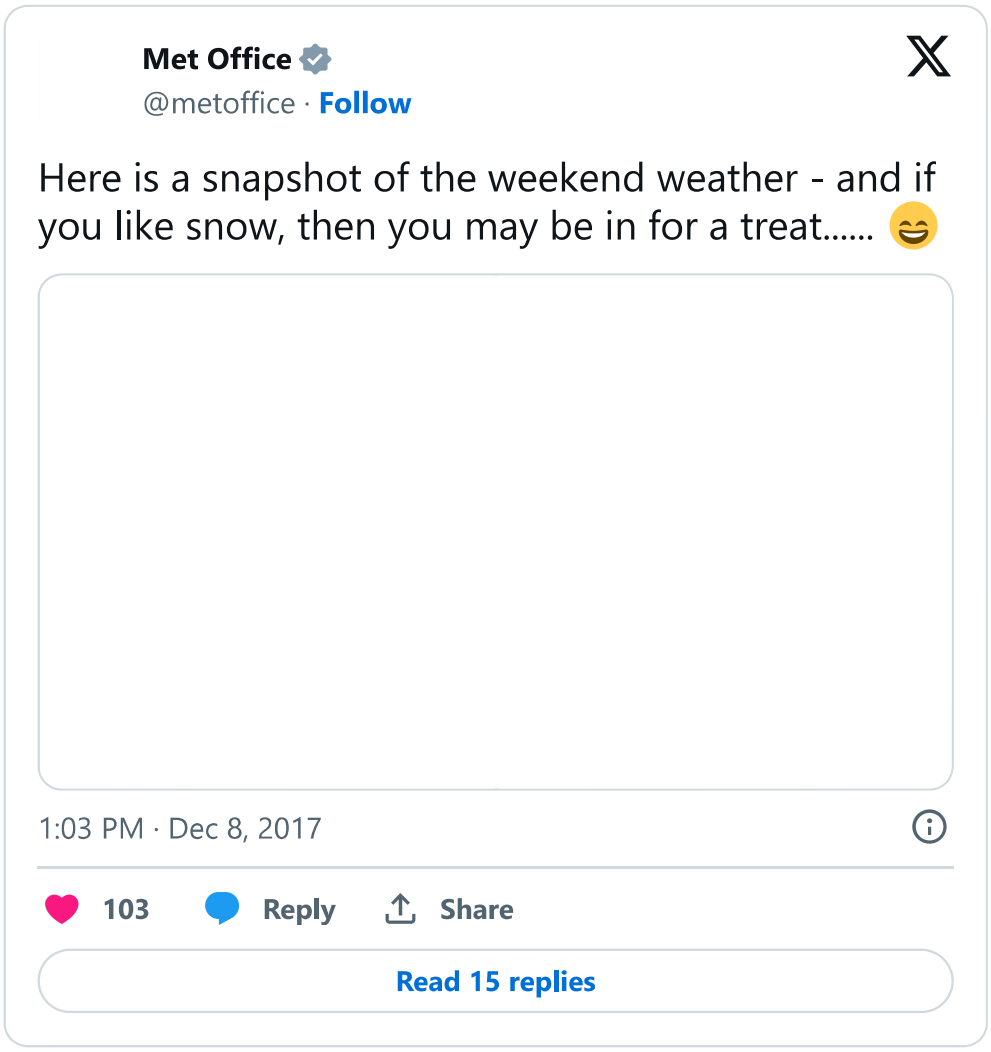
Although it is going to be cold for most of us across the UK this weekend not all of us will see snow, there will be a lot of dry and sunny weather around too.

Storm Caroline has now moved off towards Scandinavia allowing cold air to move from the north covering the UK bringing bitterly cold temperatures, which will feel even colder in strong north or northwesterly winds.

The cold will mean that any showers will fall as snow and some of us could see snow settling on the ground with the deepest snow likely in northern and western areas and over higher ground.



Met Office Chief Meteorologist Dan Suri said; “It’s going to be a cold weekend for everybody with some hard frost at night. Whilst the snow on Saturday will be in the form of showers and many people will not get any, on Sunday we’re expecting more widespread snow with around 10 cm in parts of northwest England, the Midlands and Wales, with a chance of 15-20 cm in more exposed isolated areas.”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James Knight, the RAC’s director of roadside operations said “The message to drivers when out on the road over the next few day is to stay safe. Build in more time for your journey and think twice before driving longer distances if the journey isn’t really essential.

“Before you set out, thoroughly clear your windscreen and roof of snow and ice, make sure the windscreen is completely demisted, and switch on your headlights.

“As it is going to be cold everywhere, we also recommend motorists put together a kit that can help keep themselves and their passengers safe and comfortable if they are unlucky enough to have their car fail on them.”

Further unsettled and potentially disruptive weather is possible for some southern areas early next week. Storm Ana, named by the Spanish weather service, is expected to move into France on Monday and may bring a spell of wet and windy weather to parts of southern England with the potential for more snow.

The situation will be kept under close review over the weekend so keep up to date with the latest forecast and warnings for your area on our website or via the Met Office mobile app which is available for iPhone from the App store and for Android from the Google Play store.

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